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SUBJECT: US/JAPAN MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL
POLLUTION

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED A FONOFF INQUIRY THROUGH JAPANESE
EMBASSY REP ICHIKAWA REGARDING POSSIBILITY OF SCHEDULING
SUBJECT MEETING DURING MIDDLE OF NOVEMBER IN TOKYO. ICHIKAWA
INDICATED US DELEGATION WOULD RECEIVE A FORMAL INVITATION
IF PROPOSED MEETING AND TIMING WERE ACCEPTABLE, BUT
STATED THAT ANY OTHER DATES THIS YEAR WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE
FOR GOJ DUE TO CONTINUING DIET SESSIONS AND OTHER CONFLICTS.
ICHIKAWA WAS WELL AWARE OF THE SCHEDULING DIFFICULTIES POSED
BY LACK OF A PERMANENT CEQ CHAIRMAN.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS RESPONDED THAT WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO
REPLY TO THIS INQUIRY UNTIL AT LEAST EARLY OCTOBER. DECISION
BY CEQ PENDS SELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF A NEW CHAIRMAN;
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ALTERNATIVE POSSIBILITIES, INCLUDING FORMER CEQ CHAIRMAN

TRAIN WHO IS HOSTING A SOVIET DELEGATION DURING THIS PERIOD,
DO NOT APPEAR PROMISING.

3. AT ITS DISCRETION EMBASSY MAY WISH, AND WITHOUT GIVING
THE IMPRESSION THAT OUR ANSWER IS CONTINGENT ON ANY
PARTICULAR AGENDA SINCE WE DO STRONGLY FAVOR A MEETING,
TO PROBE TIMING AND POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS WITH APPROPRIATE

OFFICIALS TO EVALUATE IMPORTANCE BEING PLACED ON NOVEMBER
MEETING POSSIBILITY. WE WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN THE
STATUS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT PROPOSAL. FYI:
WHILE A NEW CEQ CHAIRMAN MIGHT BE PREPARED TO GO TO
JAPAN IN NOVEMBER, HIS ATTENDANCE IS MORE LIKELY IF WE
COULD POSTPONE THIS MEETING UNTIL FEBRUARY OR MARCH 1974.
ALTERNATIVELY, IF GOJ DESIRES, A MEETING COULD BE
SCHEDULED IN NOVEMBER WITH A SOUND AND CAPABLE TECHNICAL
TEAM HEADED BY A MEDIUM LEVEL OFFICIAL (WHICH COULD
POSSIBLY BE UPGRADED LATER WITH A NEW CEQ CHAIRMAN IF HE
DESIRES).

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